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DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, AND LEGISLATION

Industries and Commerce

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce has recently published the following:

Special Agents Series:

No. 196, *Norway: Commercial and Industrial Handbook*, by W. A. Bengston (Washington, 1920, pp. 58). This gives a description of various phases of Norwegian economic life.

No. 197, *Electrical Goods in Spain*, by P. S. Smith (pp. 178), which contains chapters on general features of the Spanish market, central stations, hydroelectric plants, electrification of steam railways, and telephones.

No. 199, *Paraguay. A Commercial Handbook*, by W. L. Schurz (pp. 195).

No. 200, *Hides and Leather in France*, by N. Hertz (pp. 159), which contains a map showing cities and towns of interest to the shoe and leather industry.

No. 202, *Spanish Finance and Trade*, by A. N. Young (pp. 199); this is of special value to the student of foreign economic conditions. Part I deals with the monetary and banking system; part II, financing trade with Spain; part III, investments; part IV, public finance.

No. 203, *Textile Markets of Brazil*, by L. S. Garry (pp. 48).

No. 204, *Industrial Machinery in France and Belgium*, by C. P. Wood (pp. 61).

Miscellaneous Series:

No. 87, *Import and Export Schedules of Spain* (1920, pp. 60).

No. 92, *Stowage of Ship Cargoes*, by T. R. Taylor (pp. 350).

No. 106, *Trade of the United States with the World, 1918-1919*, Part I, *Imports* (pp. 103).

The Federal Trade Commission has recently published a report on *Commercial Wheat, Flour, Milling* (Washington, Sept. 15, 1920, pp. 118), a general survey of the production and consumption of wheat flour in the United States. Chapter 2 deals with costs, prices, and profits. There is an interesting map showing the wheat flour production and distribution areas. This commission has also made a report on *Sugar Supply and Prices* (Nov. 15, 1920, pp. 205).

The Senate Select Committee on Reconstruction and Production has submitted its preliminary report, December 14, 1920 (Report No. 666, 66 Cong., 3 Sess., pp. 11). This committee, it is understood, will present several bills: one to direct long-term deposits of national banks into long-term uses at the discretion of the governors of the Federal Reserve Board; one

to authorize the establishment of a home loan bank; one to amend the postal savings law to pay interest quarterly; and one to get monthly figures from the coal industry. The hearings before this committee, dealing with *Coal and Transportation*, have been printed (Washington, 1921, pp. 769).

The *Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Markets* of the Department of Agriculture (Washington, Oct. 9, 1920, pp. 37) gives an account of the investigations which have been made during the past year and those now in progress. From this same bureau has been received a typewritten copy of *History of the Bureau of Markets*, by Caroline B. Sherman (pp. 11).

The subject of marketing is also touched upon in the *Report of the Secretary of Agriculture* for 1920 (pp. 72).

Some *Extracts from the Joint Hearings before the Committees on Agriculture and Forestry* on S. J. Resolution 212, directing the War Finance Corporation of the Federal Reserve Board to take action for the relief of depression in the agricultural sections of the country, have been printed as a small pamphlet (Washington, pp. 14).

The *Tenth Annual Report*, 1920, of the Bureau of Mines (Washington, pp. 149) contains interesting data with regard to a government fuel yard.

The United States Geological Survey has printed a preliminary summary of the *Mineral Resources of the United States in 1919* (Washington, 1920, pp. 128).

The Bureau of the Census has distributed the final bulletins on agriculture of the Fourteenth Census for *New Hampshire* (pp. 21), *Vermont* (pp. 18), *Rhode Island* (pp. 14), *Delaware* (pp. 15); and a bulletin on *Number of Farms by States and Counties, 1920, 1910, 1900* (pp. 29).

The Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania has brought together in a single volume its *Report on the Productive Industries of Pennsylvania for 1916-1919* (Harrisburg, 1920, pp. 878).

Bulletin No. 11 of the State Department of Agriculture of Minnesota discusses *Marketing Problems of Minnesota Farmers*, by H. J. Hughes, Director of Markets (St. Paul, Oct. 14, 1920, pp. 23).

The *Statistical Report of the California State Board of Agriculture for 1919* contains a summary of the population and agricultural production of that state (Sacramento, pp. 201).

The United States Tariff Commission has issued in Tariff Information Series, No. 16, *Refined Sugar: Cost, Prices, and Profits* (pp. 42) illustrated by charts; No. 21, *Industrial Readjustments of Certain Mineral Industries Affected by the War* (pp. 320), containing many maps and statistical tables; also a substantial volume on *Statistics of Imports and Duties, 1908 to 1918 Inclusive*, carefully indexed (Washington, 1920, pp. 1096).

Public Utilities

There have been received:

Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission (Dec. 1, 1920, pp. 205).

Tenth Annual Report of the Statistics of Express Companies in the United States, 1919, published by the Interstate Commerce Commission (Washington, 1920, pp. 12).

Seventh Annual Report of the Public Service Commission of Massachusetts, 1919, Part I (Boston, pp. lv, 314).

Eighth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission of Rhode Island, 1919 (Providence, 1920, pp. 134).

Labor

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics has issued:

No. 274, *Union Scale of Wages and Hours of Labor, May 15, 1919* (Washington, Sept., 1920, pp. 281).

No. 267, *Anthrax as an Occupational Disease*, by J. B. Andrews (July, 1920, pp. 186). This is a revision of Bulletin 205 originally published in 1917.

The Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has prepared a bulletin on *The New Position of Women in American Industry* (Washington, 1920, pp. 158). Section 2 is entitled "Statistics of women's industrial employment during and after the war"; and section 3, "Results of the substitution of women on men's work during and after the war." There are a number of illustrations.

Labor reports that have been received are as follows:

Second Report on Wages of Women Employed in Paper Box Factories in Massachusetts (Boston, Mass. Dept. Labor, 1920, pp. 53).

Tenth Annual Report on Union Scale of Wages and Hours of Labor in Massachusetts, 1919 (Boston, July, 1920, pp. 146).

Annual Report of the Industrial Commission of New York, 1919 (Albany, 1920, pp. 330).

New York State Industrial Code, 1920 (Albany, Indus. Comm., pp. 48).

Labor Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia (Richmond, Comm. of Labor, 1920, pp. 129).

Twenty-third Annual Report of the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics of Virginia, 1920 (Richmond, pp. 139).

Labor Laws of West Virginia (Charleston, 1920, pp. 86).

Eighth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Commerce and Labor of Georgia, 1919 (Atlanta, 1920, pp. 89).

Minimum Wage Act of Wisconsin (Madison, Indus. Com. of Wis., pp. 28).

General Report of the Minister of Public Works and Labour of the Province of Quebec (Quebec, 1920, pp. 198).

Money, Prices, Credit, and Banking

The Federal Reserve Board has prepared a new compilation of *Regulations*, series of 1920 (Oct., 1920, pp. 39).

Attention should be directed to the monthly bulletins which are now being published by all of the federal reserve banks. These contain much fresh material of economic interest in the respective districts.

The Department of Foreign Information of the Bankers Trust Company, New York, in its bulletin for January 17, 1920, presents the official, detailed outline of the international credits scheme recommended to the League of Nations by the Provisional Economic and Financial Committee of the Council of the League.

From the American Acceptance Council have been received a number of pamphlets: *American Bankers Acceptances and Foreign Trade*, by F. I. Kent; *Practical Problems in the Development of Bankers Acceptance*; *Federal Reserve Board Regulations Relating to Acceptances (Series of 1920)*; *Bankers Acceptances: Principles and Practices*, Chapters 1 and 2; *Elements of Trade Acceptance Practice*, by R. H. Treman; *The Banker and Trade Acceptances*, by George Woodruff (New York, 111 Broadway).

Attention should also be called to the *Acceptance Bulletin*, published by this organization. It appears monthly and is now beginning its third year.

Recent reports dealing with banking are the following:

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Bank Commissioner of Rhode Island, 1920 (Providence, pp. 229).

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks Relative to Savings Banks, Trust Companies, etc., 1919 (Albany, 1920, pp. 752).

Nineteenth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Banking of West Virginia, 1919 (Charleston, pp. 107).

The Banking Law of the State of Georgia Effective January 1, 1920 (T. R. Bennett, Supt. of Banks, pp. 77).

Proceedings of the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Building Association League of Illinois (Chicago, Am. Bldg. Assoc. News Co., 1920, pp. 147).

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Bureau of Banking of Idaho, 1919 (Boise, 1920, pp. 79).

Public Finance

Recent federal reports are:

Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the Finances, 1920 (Washington, pp. 870). This contains the statement of Secretary Houston and Assistant Secretary Leffingwell made March 11, 1920, on the soldiers' bonus proposal.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1920 (Washington, pp. 230).

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, 1920, including the report on the production of the precious metals, 1919 (Washington, 1920, pp. 309).

The Department of Foreign Information of the Bankers Trust Company has prepared a leaflet on *Income Taxation in Great Britain and the United States*, illustrated by three graphs.

The Continental Insurance Company, New York, has for circulation a pamphlet on *British and American Economic and Excess Profits Taxes Compared*, by Professor Carl C. Plehn (New York, 80 Maiden Lane).

The National Association of Credit Men has prepared a pamphlet on *The Undistributed Earnings Tax* (New York, 41 Park Row, Dec., 1920, pp. 40).

The Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, has made a reprint of the *Massachusetts Income Tax Law*.

The Irving National Bank (New York) in its pamphlet for January, 1921, has compiled *Practical Questions and Answers on the Federal Tax Laws* (pp. 96).

W. B. Hibbs and Company has prepared a series of circulars on: *Bonds of the Kingdom of Italy; Bonds of the Government of the Dominion of Canada; Bonds of the Government of the United States of America; Bonds of the Governments of the French Republic and the Kingdom of Belgium; and Bonds of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland* (Washington, Hibbs Bldg., 1920).

The following volumes have been received:

Information Relative to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, Connecticut, 1920 (Hartford, pp. 48).

Annual Report of the State Tax Commission of New York, 1919 (Albany, 1920, pp. 514).

Laws Affecting the Taxation of the Session of 1920, New Jersey (Trenton, State Board of Taxation and Assessment (pp. 39).

Proceedings of the Seventh Biennial Conference Convention of the Tax Commission and County Assessors of the State of Kansas, held February 5-6, 1920 (Topeka, pp. 78).